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Some of the places I've lived.

When Tom and Fanny Combs were married, they went to live on the farm owned by father on Badger Lake, just across the road, from grandma Combs last home, where I, Laurie Combs, was born Aug 12, 1875. The twins Iva & Iua, a year later. Then Lilly Dale, one year after them, George was born in 1879. Then in the spring of '81 we moved, having traded farms, with grandfather Myers. There Ethel was born, when she was six months old, we moved to Buawa, where mother had a millenary store, soon we moved the millenary store, to Whitney.

We then bought a farm, & built a large house, a mile north of grandmother Combs. North was born here, in '83.

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we took a trip to Washington State<sup>2</sup>  
where several relatives had gone  
to live, we staid three weeks, and  
came back, built a small house, near  
the large house, that was rented for  
the year, to the Durmagans, (no good).

Moved to Whiting, in uncle Walter  
Hendricks house, fathers health was so bad  
he moved us in the Polly house, and  
started out for the Ozark Mtns. he was  
supposed to have T.B. but did not.

After visiting thru Kansas  
where his sister Martha Ludduth lived  
he bought a farm, in the Ozark foothill  
we had a <sup>hand</sup> hughed, black walnut log house  
and cooked on a fire place, till we could  
have a stove shipped from Whiting, Iowa.  
This was Benton Co, P.O. Garfield.

Less than a year, we went

to Whiting, to take care of aunt Kate,  
 whose husband, John Dummagan, had  
 died of appendicitis, to uncle Walts house,  
 (always vacant,) in Whiting, untill  
 father traded The Ark farm for the Ellison  
 farm, near Albaton, ~~where~~ where

Claud Dummagan was born, this  
 farm, was traded for a hotel in Whiting,  
 sold or given away, back to uncle Walts  
 house, to get ready for a trip to O.<sup>n</sup>.  
 Mother and we children going ahead.

We first lived at Wawawai, where we  
 children, and Minnie Larkin, attended  
 school, Lillian Davis (Davis) teacher.

There we were schoolmates of the Remmetts  
 Edna and I being dear, life long friends  
 my ~~Edna~~ is her namesake.

We then moved back to uncle

uncle Muns house, then to the Free  
house on Union flat, when father  
came, we took a homestead (no a p  
emtion) at Beaura Dell. sold to  
Seat family. and moved to Idaho  
to aunt Kates, then to Timber claim  
where we were nearly frozen to death  
while father went after provisions  
miles away. uncle Sherman was  
cut wood & help us, but due to a  
relatives meanness, never came at a  
George and I were breaking dead to  
from trees, above the deep snow.  
Mother & Ethel & North remained in the  
bed, to keep from freezing. till we co  
get enough fire wood. to heat the house  
some what. by a fire place. we were  
down to some frozen canned food  
when some neighbors, several miles  
away, happened by, and discovered

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(This was Alex Frank ~~young~~)

our sad plight. we soon had firewood  
galore, and father arrived safely. next  
day, with food, furniture, cook stove, etc.  
mother's sister, God forgive her meanness,  
had nearly cost us all our lives.

The next week, we moved to a better,  
timber claim, while we moved our  
first load to this new house, there was  
such a thaw, the neighbor, who was  
helping us move, took the team to his  
home, leaving us surrounded by water,  
no horses, no lanterns, the snow, very  
deep, and slushy, and water everywhere.  
George and I were sent for help, that  
night, about 10 o'clock, to this neighbor  
Ora and Mitt Day. we started out  
with a lamp, matches, a small ~~map~~, and  
the old dog. after many falls, the  
~~matches~~ <sup>matches</sup> became wet. I got a good bump.

with the ax, which George (4½ years young  
than I) was carrying, the lamp & ax.  
were then placed by the trail, & we trudged  
on, wading streams to our waists. the  
dog growled, George cried to turn back  
not knowing all, that little ones are now  
told from infancy, he couldn't see the  
need of going on. after ages, it seemed  
we arrived at Days home. were given  
dry clothes, and put to bed. while the  
neighbors went to mother's aid. next  
morning we were told we had a new  
brother. Sam.

After one year, we moved back to  
Hawaii. Father was sawyer, in a  
lumber mill. at good wages. being a  
good carpenter, a good separator tender  
(on a ~~thrasher~~), he always had good

wages, and plenty of work any where.

He sold this timber claim, to the  
Hells brothers, and it became a valuable  
farm. (we were told after moving, the  
neighbors watched us very carefully, as  
there were so many cougars around, and  
mother & we children were alone, while  
father worked, 14 miles away. one cougar  
was killed, in a tree, over the barn,  
where we milked our cows, one in  
our garden patch, and one in the  
meadow. all the summer, we sold the  
place. I still have one of the claws for proof.

He traded for a fruit ranch, at  
Alpowa, where we lived three years.  
I could write a book, on our experiences  
there. The most outstanding, was when  
Ethel, Worth and I, killed 2 huge bob  
cats alone, Ethel, Worth & the dogs chased  
them up on a steep cliff. The children

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Throwing rock, the dogs rushing them.  
They crowded them down several cliffs.  
Then came after me, to bring a gun.  
which I took up the hill, to where  
the bobcats were still able to fight.  
after stunning them again, we placed  
the gun near their heads, and shot  
several times, one holding the gun,  
Ethel still throwing rock, and Worth  
pulled the trigger, as I couldn't  
hold the gun still. we finally got them  
dead enough, to drag to the house, some  
distance away. every one, far and near  
came to see what we had done, there  
was a great write up, in the Creston  
paper, and 25 years later, uncle  
Ellsworth Myers, read it as a 25 years  
reprint, while on a visit to them, he  
~~was~~ was ~~not~~ surprised, as we had never  
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thought to tell any one, much  
less relatives; we took all such  
things, in our every day living,  
being given many hard tasks, sent  
on many long, hard trips, all times  
of year, me being the oldest, I dare not  
fail in any thing, as was made to feel  
the responsibility of the younger ones.

After three years in Alpoona  
we went back to Hawawai, then  
to uncle Munis again, then to Thorn  
Thicket, at Ontario. Finally took a  
home stead, in Redner gulch, where  
our dear mother died, in child birth.  
Max was born Apr. 20, 1895; when he  
was a month old, we started for Calif-  
by wagon; we had been waiting for  
mother, to be able to travel by train, but  
we started out with him. he lived there.

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The trip, and become very ill, and passed away Aug. 20-1895, is buried in the S.O.P.F. cemetery, in San Francisco.

We lived in 3 different houses in San Francisco, father being in the asphaltum roofing business, with Frank Goodwin, and Mattie Myers husband.

In Oct. we went to Whiting, Iowa to live with grandmother Combs, arriving Oct 26; for a year, I was very ill, nervous prostration, but met and married Gus Riedeman in 1896. This made 30 real homes we had, beside many other trips.

Some small trips we children  
took, for one reason or another.

Aunt Kate Kneighton lived 65 miles from  
<sup>in the Bear Creek Mts, we lived</sup>  
us, at Alpowa. She wanted Ethel, to come  
to stay with her while her husband was  
away working, so I was sent to take her on  
horse back, we were three horrible days,  
where we lived, it was like summer,  
at the end of the first day, we could  
get no place to stop over night, so  
we were late at night, coming to a small  
town, where some people took us in, and  
were wonderful. (it was lambing season  
and very wet & muddy, every one had all  
their barns & sheds full of stock, was their  
excuse). next day we got up in the Mts.  
so much snow, we could make no headway,  
stopped before dark, and it was old friends

Next morning he took us several miles,  
in a sleigh, so we arrived at aunt-

Kate's, before night. after resting a few  
days, I started home a different way, which  
was even worse ~~but~~ shorter, as I

made it in two days, finding the ran-  
drouble, in a stopping place in the  
late evening, riding one horse, leading  
~~the~~ other, walking over snow, that  
would bear my weight, but not the horses,  
that plunged thru, some way. There  
were farms, all along the road, finally  
after dark, one farmer, said, "you see  
that light up the road, on the left,  
they never turn anyone away."

When I reached the place, I knock  
at the door, when it was opened, I  
fainted away; of course they kept  
me; and treated me like a friend.

I wish I could remember their  
names, well at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
day, I reached home, too exhausted  
to move for days. This place was  
near Uniontown Colton, Wn., I was 15-  
years old.

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The next spring, George & I  
made the trip to Aunt Kate in the  
Bear Creek Mts. during the spring  
thaw, can not remember why we were  
sent; we had to ford all streams  
that were not large enough for a  
ferry boat crossing.

We had to cross the Pollatch  
river, several times during the  
day. toward night, our horses  
had to swim with us, frightened  
nearly to death, we reached Aunt Kate  
next day, spending the night with  
some queer people, that frightened  
us still worse.

The day after, we crossed, our  
last place, a team, wagon and whole  
family were drowned, the folk did not  
send us in spring time, again.

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Combs Ancestry Scotek.  
the name at the arrival of the  
first ancestors to America, was  
McCombs, later the Mc was  
dropped, then one C. leaving the  
present spelling Combs.

John Combs, farmer, hard shell  
Baptist. Born in Virginia  
Father of Samuel and grand father  
of John Newton Combs (our grand  
father)

Samuel Combs Born in Virginia  
Hard shell Baptist, Wheelwright  
and Miller.

Married Jane Hash, Born in Virginia

Their 10 (Ten) children were  
all born in Kentucky.

names on following page.

Children of Samuel and Jane Com

1. Elisabeth. (Betty) married Friedrich Shies
2. Aes. nothing is known of him.
3. Thomas. married Rachel Slack
4. Alice (long sound of a) married Samuel Ray.
5. Ruth. married Robert Plunkett
6. Martha (Patty) married William Spron
7. John Newton. " Leah Pearce our g  
another.
8. Nelson. never married. died in young  
man hood
9. Jane. married Amos Dick
10. Samuel. married Margurite Hils

Nothing is known of any of  
their families excepting Samue  
five children lived to be grown  
and married. and were.

Sara Jennie. married Lafayette Sims  
lived in Kansas Their child

(Eva. Maggie. James. Kate. Lulu & Mar  
nothing known of them

John Combs (wife Kate -) Fannies  
husband - Hutchens) Anna husband

William Drake: Elsworth wife unknown

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On Grandmothers side very few  
names are known.

Mary D. Gullivan Irish

Mary Slack English grandmothers  
of Robert Pearce who was  
born in Virginia, lived in Kenton  
and Tenn. a wheelwright and  
a Quaker the name was changed  
to Pierce by some of the family.

President Pierce being a  
cousin to our grandfather.  
Robert Pearce married Leah Bartlett  
who was English and French.

Robert Pearce bought and sold  
stock, driving them long distances  
to Saint Louis market, one one  
trip he became very ill, and  
was cared for in Shakertown  
Ky. in 1822, he arrived at his  
home when well enough to travel,  
disposed of his property, which



was considered large, for that he  
he took his family (who were very  
unwilling to go.) turned all ~~the~~  
owned, into the community of  
Shakers. our grandmother Leah  
being only two years old, at the  
time, her mother was allowed to be  
a cottage, and care for her, until  
she was 5 years old, when she  
was taken to the community house  
her mother, continued in the private  
cottage, to care for her aged  
mother she herself living until  
1861. no date of Robert Pearce and/or

The children of Leah Bartlett.

1. James, 2. Lorenzo, 3. William, 4. Isaac.
5. (Anna married Edward Perkins)
6. Lovie married Piercefield, 7. Mary, die
8. Peggy, married George Tye, 9. Margaret
10. Rachel, 11. Leah Melinda, being the  
younger, married John Nathan Charles

12 children were born to.

John Newton Combs

Leah Melvina Pearce were married

in Illinois 28 Mar 1839

Births	Born
Robert Sylvester	7 Feb - 1840
2 Nelson Zopher	22 Jan - 1841
3 Martha Jane	4 May 1843
4 Victoria Virginia	2 Feb 1845
5 Ruth Ann	19 Feb 1847
6 Laura Melvina	11 Sept 1848
7 Samuel Newton	21 May 1850
8 Cordelia Antoinette	10 Sept 1851
9 James Elouzo Tom	24 Jan 1853
10 John Pearce	11 Oct 1856
11 William Marion	6 Mar 1858
12 Alice Peggy	26 June 1862

Able Leonidas Larkin married  
 Cordelia Antoinette Combs 3 Apr 1874

Two children were born to them

Melvin Emma Larkin died young

Minnie Ella Larkin married Bisse

Cordelia Antoinette Larkin married

Marion Bird Myers Jan 19, 1883

7 children were born this union

Jesse Combs Myers died in inf

Clyde Myers married Dora

Marion Bird Myers single

Lovie Alice married Burk

George James Myers married

Lela Joe Myers married 3 times

John Tom Myers married 2

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Children of John & Leilah Combs  
Deaths

- 1 Robert Sylvester Combs 10 Feb. 185  
2 Nelson Gopher  
Killed in Battle of Pea Ridge 16 Aug 186  
in civil war  
Martha Jane Sudduth 15 Feb 1913  
Virginia Victoria Dunnagan 5 July 19  
Ruth Ann Combs 4 Apr 186  
Laura Melving Combs 21 Aug 185  
Samuel Newton Combs 28 May 18  
killed in a mine in Mont  
Cordelia Antonette Myers 4 March 19  
James Elmo Tom Combs 5 Dec 19  
John Pearce Combs 21 Dec 18  
William Marion Combs 4 Dec 1  
Alice Peggy Morrow 14 Oct 1  
John Newton Combs 28 Apr 18  
Leah M Combs Dubois 17 Mar 191  
Polin M Dubois (French)  
Leah M Combs married 2 Dec 18
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Marriages of who Leah Combs children

James William Sudduth married  
Martha Jane Combs Sept 29, 1859  
10 children

Thomas Alexander Dunningan  
Virginia Victoria Combs Feb 26, 1860  
married 3 times 9 children

able Leonidas Larkin  
Cordelia Antoinette Combs Apr 3, 1870  
2 children

James Elouzo Tom Combs  
Mary Francis Myers Oct 26, 1874  
9 children

James Elouzo Tom Combs  
Ella Allen May 7, 1887  
4 children

Cordelia A Larkin (Combs)  
Marion Bird Myers Jan 19, 1883  
7 children

William Marion Combs  
Florence Mary Gibson Mar 21, 1880  
2 children

Alice Peggy Combs

Samuel Morrow date unknown  
no children

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Old stage route we took from Hawaii  
to S. F. given us by an old minister  
Mr Pickle. We left Hawaii 22 May 95  
arrived S. F. 20 July 1895-

Hawaii, Washington	Farewell Bend on the Deschutes river, now Bend
Pataha	
Pomeroy	Allens Ranch
Marringo	Big Meadows
Dayton	Long Prairie
Waitsburgh	Little Meadow
Walla Walla	Corral Springs
* Milton, Oregon	Beaver Marsh
Weston {The Roushes joined us there}	Sand Creek
Centerville	Kalamath Marsh
	Kalamath Falls
Adams	Linksville, hot sp.
Olex	Devils furnace
Mayville	Tulie Lake * Ca
Clam	Roushes left us
Condon	Jones Place
Clarno, on John Day river	(on the desert where we found false diamonds)
Antelope	
Hay Creek	Happy Camp.
* Praterville	continued next page

nine Springs.  
Look out

\* Pitts ville, crossed  
mts to Clayton vally  
where the army worms  
were covering the  
ground so the cows had  
the cows shed.

Burney Falls  
114 ft high.  
Tamarack  
Millville

\* Anderson (left the  
cows)

Cottonwood

Red Bluff

Tehama. (crossed  
river on R.R. bridge)

Dina (Stanford's  
ranch)

Chico

Gridley

Live Oak

Marysville

Sacramento \*

Stockton (took boat  
for San Francisco  
110 miles.

Time on road

8 weeks, + 3 days.

Baby Max died  
Aug 20, 1895 after  
living thru the trips  
from Wash

Father was in  
the asphaltting business  
in San F. with uncle  
Frank Goodwin, aunt  
Matts husband.

we went to Iowa to  
Grandma Conner.

arrived ~~Oct 26~~ 26-1895 -  
we camped for days  
rested, fished, washed  
faded bread etc. ~~there~~ \*  
are placed.

in Lemon buying the last home.  
 where Little Gusie was born (he weighed  $2\frac{1}{2}$   
~~4~~  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs.) Gus was sent to M.C. Intosh, D.  
 as manager of Central Lumber Co.,  
 where we moved 3 times, in 8 years.  
 Edna & Lurena graduated from His school  
 there, and Clair was born there, in 1916.  
 We then took up an additional home-  
 stead, near Bull Head. Gus still worked  
 for the Lumber Co., the girls taught  
 school 2 years. on Dec 8-1917 Gus  
 lost his life in a blizzard. I shall  
 leave space to copy some clippings of  
 this & the prairie fire. 19 moves so far



- Moves I have made in 71y
- I was born on a farm father owned where  
 he and mother were married on Badger La.  
 was 5 years old, our first move in 18.
- 1 Shreve farm, traded with grandpa my
  - 2 Quawa mother had a millenary store
  - 3 Whiting
  - 4 Coon farm built a nice "big" house
  - 5 Washington first time 3 weeks gone
  - 6 Coon home again, built small house
  - 7 Whiting uncle Wally house <sup>George fell</sup> ~~stop~~ <sup>larger</sup>
  - 8 Polly house (father went to Ozark Mts  
 had arthrice bag)
  - 9 Hartfield, Arkansas
  - 10 Whiting Iowa
  - 11 Ellison's farm near river, traded for this
  - 12 Hotel in Whiting
  - 13 Pullman Wash
  - 14 Hawaii "
  - 15 M B's house
  - 16 Fritz house on Union Flat
  - 17 Prescription — at Beaura Del  
 — old & the best 60/ family

P.O. Toney Idaho

18. To Idaho out ~~later~~ home
- 19 Timber Claim no 1
- 20 Timber Claim no 2
- 21 Hawawai <sup>1 year there</sup> Woodward Gulch 1888
- 22 Alpowa - 3 years <sup>Step to Canyon</sup>
- 23 Hawawai 1892 <sup>across the river</sup>
- 24
- 25 M.B.'s home stead
- 26 Thorn Thicket -
- 27 Homestead at Redner Gulch 1893 <sup>fall</sup>
- 28 San Francisco - 2 moves
- 29 Iowa to Grandma Combs Oct 26, 1893
- 30 30 moves untill married Oct 18, 96
- 31 ~~Riedem~~ <sup>1896</sup>
- 32 Jack Anderson farm <sup>Edna born</sup>
- 33 So Dak - Ethings farm, 1898
- 34 Ethings home for the winter
- 35 Pat Smith farm Lurena Bm 1899
- 36 Farm near Lynches. 3 years
- 37 Rushnell - So Dak <sup>Hardware store</sup>
- 38 Whiting. Iowa <sup>Francis born</sup> in 13 rooms house
- 39 Gulick farm <sup>was worked on elevator</sup>
- 40 Christy farm, which we purchased

- 41 Jim McClain farm
  - 42 So Dakota, Ed Murphy farm
  - 43 Homestead No 1. at Penville S.D.
  - 44 Lemmon <sup>who</sup> began to learn lumber
  - 45 Lemmon purchased a home
  - 46 McIntosh So Dak No 1
  - 47 " " " No 2 5 years
  - 48 " " " No 3
  - 49 Homestead No 2. additional <sup>home</sup>stead
  - 50 Long Beach bought a home on 4<sup>th</sup> St.
  - 51 Bath So Dak. worked in Post office for mo. 7.
  - 52 Freds farm at Bath S.D.
  - 53 Ranch at Glenham " "
  - 54 One more on Glenham ranch 1919
  - 55 Long Beach Cal
  - 56 Santa Cruz
  - 57 Church St 2 years 1930
  - 58 Lurenas one summer 1932
  - 59 home Dec 13. 1932 207 Martin Blvd
  - 60 Brooder house cottage Feb 1. 33
  - 61 ~~Own~~ own home in July 1941.
  - 62 Christmas 25. Dec 1945
- I am still in my home in  
Santa Cruz Calif 1944 Morrisey Blvd  
90 years old doing my own

have lived 2 years in Aug.  
2 of places I've lived  
living alone too.  
- work. Fred has been gone  
3 years in. Sept 22-62.  
I am fine, not a ache  
or pain but a little  
rheumatism in my  
hands, and hope to be  
- here some time yet,  
only Sam, Ethel & I left  
of our family of Tom &  
Fanny Combs.

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30 moves untill married at 2  
Places I've lived since married  
27 moves untill mother's death, 2 moves  
in San Francisco. Then to Grandma Corn  
in Iowa; 1896; Oct 19, 1896. I was  
I were married & went to live with his folks  
as they were farming a big farm together.  
we had a room up stairs where we lived  
months, untill Edna was born, we rented  
Jack Anderson's farm, one season, then  
to So. Dak. on the Pat Smith farm, for  
George ~~Etting~~ Etting, moved up to Etting's home  
to care for stock. Lucrecia was born there.  
back to Smith farm, 5 moves.

The farm by Lyncht. 3 years near Bush  
At Bushnell we started the Hardware  
Francis was born in Bushnell, 1900.

To Whiting after selling? out to Geo  
J. Dulick's place, till we bought The Cru  
farm. <sup>Edna was born on the Cru farm 1905</sup> on the Jim M. & Clara farm

Then the Ed Murphy ranch, near Elk  
So. Dak. Home stead no 1. at Remmerville  
So. Dak. where we had some ~~great~~ experience  
parrerie fire ect. lived in a lovely  
rod house, we proved up in 14 months  
then I went to Laramie, & learned the  
Laramie business. we moved twice when

Deaths of Grandchildren

Randall Russell Sisco <sup>Died</sup> Dec 12-1927.

Kenneth Markham, killed over

Formosa aged 21, a P-51 Pilot - June 18, 1945 -

He was awarded the Purple Heart medal

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The funeral services were held at the home being conducted by Rev. C. J. Sullivan of the Methodist church. The hymns were "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Rock of Ages." The scripture lesson was the fifth chapter of John and the epistle was of I Cor. At her request her remains were laid to rest in the Clark cemetery west of Waltham beside those of her first husband and two daughters. Five persons attended. Frank and Fred Peterson, Mrs. Madduth and Miss Mary E. Peterson. Burial was made in the afternoon.